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SUBJ: SENEGALESE REACTION TO NORTH KOREAN PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: DAKAR 1396 (NOTAL)

1. IN MARCH 11 MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AND CURFURAL AFFAIRS KANDE OF GOS MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DCM COMMENTED ON HARSH ANTI-AMERICAN TONE OF MARCH 6 PRESS CONFERENCE BY NORTH KOREAN CHARGE REPORTED REFTEL. DCM ASKED IF IT WAS SENEGALESE POLICY TO PERMIT POLEMICAL ATTACKS BY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ON OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN SENEGAL.

2. KANDE, WHO HAD BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY AND WAS NOT AWARE OF PRESS CONFERENCE, REPLIED THAT IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT, RPT NOT GOS POLICY TO PERMIT SUCH ATTACKS IN SENEGAL. HE SAID THAT AFTER SOVIET AMBASSADOR HELD JANUARY PRESS CONFERENCE TOUCHING ON ANGOLA (DAKAR 0585), PRIME MINISTER HAD DIRECTED FOREIGN MINISTRY TO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS IN FUTURE. (KANDE SAID SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD NOT OBTAINED MINISTRY PERMISSION FOR PRESS CONFERENCE IN ADVANCE). KANDE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT US RUDTEST OVER NORTH KOREANS PRESS

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CONFERENCE WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED, AND SAID HE WOULD

RECOMMEND THAT MINISTRY SEND WITHIN MATTER OF DAYS NOTE TO DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS SETTING FORTH PRECISE GUIDELINES FOR AMBASSADORIAL PRESS CONFERENCES. WHILE STATEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE BY USSR AND DPRK COULD NATURALLY BE ISSUED BY FREIGN MINISTRIES IN THEIR HOME CAPITALS, KANDE INSISTED THAT THEY COULD NOT BE TOLERATED IN SENEGAL.

3. COMMENT: KANDE IS SOMETIMES OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SENEGALESE RESPONSIVENESS TO OUR DEMA:#3 , AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER DPRK ATTACK ON US AND OUR DEMARCHE WILL SPUR GOS TO ACTION. CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOVIET AND NORTH KOREAN PRESS CONFERENCES IS THAT FORMER WAS, BY IMPLICATION, CRITICA OF SENEGALESE ANGOLA POLICY WHILE LATTER OCCASIONED STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION FOR SENEGALESE SUPPORT ON KOREAN QUESTION.

4. EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT AND SEOUL COPIES OF STATEMENT READ BY DPRK CHARGE AT PRESS CONFERENCE.  
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